



Early Achievers Level 2 Re-Rating Policy – Head Start/ECEAP Pathway Pilot Sites

Early Achievers Head Start/Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) Pathway Pilot Sites that did not meet the minimum thresholds on the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) or the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) in the Early Achievers Head Start/ECEAP Pilot will qualify for a partial re-rating in their site's deficiency area(s) ERS and/or CLASS.

The partial re-rating will be conducted in the area(s) that the site did not meet minimum thresholds **only:** ERS) and/or CLASS assessments. No additional facility information will be considered beyond the information needed to address the minimum thresholds. This re-rating is free of charge in recognition of the unique nature of participating in a pilot. Only the pilot sites that did not meet the minimum thresholds are eligible for the no-cost re-rating

Pilot sites on the Licensed Pathway should refer to the Level 2 Re-Rating Policy and FAQ for Licensed Facilities, as the process and timelines are different than those outlined here.

Sites who meet the eligibility requirements for this policy may request a re-rating between March 3, 2014, and December 31, 2014. A site must request a re-rating as follows:

1. The grantee/contractor will provide support and assistance to help sites prepare for re-rating in the facility's deficiency area.
2. When a site is prepared to re-rate, the site will complete the Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation in MERIT.
3. Grantee/Contractors will review the Request for On-Site Evaluation and approve it.
4. Requests for On-Site Evaluation may be submitted as soon as March 3rd, 2014. Sites must be re-rated by December 31, 2014 to be eligible for this partial re-rating.*

Head Start/ECEAP Pathway Pilot Sites that are interested in re-rating prior to the summer will need to have their Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation submitted as soon as possible, but prior to April 1st, 2014. Please note that this does not necessarily guarantee that the University of Washington will be able to re-evaluate prior to summer.

* To help ensure a re-rating is completed prior to December 31, 2014, sites must have their request for On-Site Evaluation approved no later than September 15, 2014.



FAQ:

Will each site be able to choose block out dates for re-rating?

Yes, a Community Liaison from the University of Washington will contact the site by phone once the Early Achievers Request for On-Site Evaluation has been approved by the grantee/contractor.

After applying for a re-rating, will sites be a part of a rating cohort?

No, only sites applying for their initial rating and subsequent full ratings will select a rating cohort. Pilot re-ratings will be on a rolling basis, and evaluation dates may not align with the cohort model.

How will the sites be notified when the new rating is finalized?

The grantee/contractor Primary QRIS Contact will receive an email from the Department of Early Learning, stating a new rating is available to view through the Provider Portal through the grantee/contractor tab in MERIT. The grantee/contractor can then share the rating data with sites.

How long will a site's new rating be valid?

The 3 year cycle will still be based on your initial rating, not the re-rating. Re-rating will not start your 3 year clock over again.

When will grantee/contractors receive the Head Start/ECEAP Rated Participation Stipend?

This stipend will be sent to the grantee/contractor 30-60 days after a site's rating is finalized. This is a one-time only payment for each site on the Head Start/ECEAP Pathway that rates a Level 4 or 5.

If a pilot site re-rates at a Level 2, can they re-rate again on their deficiency area(s) only?

No, the site will be a rated Level 2 for the remainder of their three year rating cycle.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

Pilot sites on the Head Start/ECEAP Pathway can contact their grantee/contractor. Grantee/Contractors may contact the QRIS Inbox (gris@del.wa.gov) with questions related to the on-site evaluation, or by contacting Sue Rose at suzanne.rose@del.wa.gov or (360)725-4432.